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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR OPTIMIZING RESOURCE ALLOCATION BASED ON DATA MINED FROM PLANS CREATED FROM A WORKFLOW

The specification of which was filed on August 31, 2001, as United States Application No. 09/944,847.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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